received in respect of availment of senior citizen concessions by patients travelling to seek medical assistance. However, Indian Airlines has modified this scheme *w.e.f.* 4th April 2005 to delete the condition of purchase of ticket seven days in advance. Since, now there is no time limit for purchase of tickets, the senior citizens will be able to avail the concession even in emergency cases subject to compliance with other conditions of the scheme.

(c) A total of 204958, 101487 and 85442 senior citizens availed themselves of air travel concession on Indian Airlines Limited during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (upto February, 2005) respectively. Further, at the time of allowing the concession the passenger is not required to disclose the purpose of travel.

Violation of traffic rights

3417. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain airlines have been found violating the traffic rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to rein in such airlines; and

(d) if so, the details of the action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Retirement age of Pilots

3418. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the retirement age of Pilots was increased recently;

(b) if so, what is the new retirement age; and

(c) what is the international standard of retirement age for pilots including countries like USA, UK, France etc.